

WELCOME ABOARD!

USCGC BERTHOLF

(WMSL 750)



FIRST OF THE LEGEND CLASS
OF
NATIONAL SECURITY CUTTERS



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Congratulations on your orders to a National Security Cutter! Your assignment to USCGC BERTHOLF as part of a WMSL Crew promises to be a groundbreaking and rewarding experience.

As you prepare to move, you should be in contact with your sponsor. This person will be your point of contact to the unit and will be able to answer some of your questions or direct you to someone who can. As the first in the class, we are creating and instituting some fundamental changes in the way we go to sea. BERTHOLF has unique capabilities, and all crewmembers are required to obtain and maintain a SECRET clearance. For answers to more of your questions, please visit the BERTHOLF internet website at <http://www.uscg.mil/pacarea/bertholf/>.

Your Relocation Assistance Manager is Ms. CJ Johnson. Her office provides assistance with relocation, transition and spousal employment. Please feel free to visit the Work-Life office at any time or call at (510) 437-5920 for relocation information. There you will find a wealth of information including information on schools, transportation, apartments, a comprehensive area overview, calendars, events and more.

☆ REPORTING ☆

We are located at Coast Guard Island in Alameda, CA. The reporting uniform is tropical blue with combination cover. You will be given a check-in sheet to assist with your reporting aboard. This should be completed within two weeks.

The ship may not be inport at the time you report, along with the information you receive from your sponsor, take advantage of all the resources found in this package. You can also contact YN1 Robert Harris at Robert.V.Harris@uscg.mil (510) 437-3454 with any concerns you may have. For any general curiosity about CGC BERTHOLF and the Deepwater Program; a list of helpful links are below.

PORTRAYAL OF ★ USCGC BERTHOLF (WMSL 750) ★



The Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard announced that the first National Security Cutter will be named after Commodore Ellsworth Price Bertholf, a Coast Guard hero and the first commandant of the modern-day Coast Guard.

The CGC BERTHOLF will be the first new ship delivered under the Integrated Deepwater System, a \$24-billion, 25-year program designed to replace aging ships, aircraft, and communications systems.

“Bertholf was a visionary,” said Admiral Collins. “When the Revenue Cutter Service and Lifesaving Service merged in 1915 to form today’s Coast Guard, Commodore Bertholf faced a nation on the brink of World War I, a service wide reorganization, and a growth in the service’s missions.

“During this challenging time, he kept our core ideologies tightly fixed, allowing the service to change and adapt without compromising its core values or operational principles,” Admiral Collins continued. “His leadership is a model for the changes the Coast Guard is experiencing today.”

Earlier in his career, Bertholf earned national fame for his role in one of the service’s most famous rescues. In 1897, eight whaling ships were trapped in an ice field near the northernmost point in Alaska, and 265 men with the ships were in danger of starving during the long winter months. Bertholf, a lieutenant at the time, was part of a six-man expedition that traveled 1,500 miles by foot and sled to provision the trapped whalers with reindeer commandeered along the way. Bertholf received the Gold Medal of Honor from Congress for his part in the rescue.

★ NOTES OF INTEREST ★

- 09 Sep 2004 – Fabrication of the first National Security Cutter began.
- 30 April 2008 – Coast Guard takes ownership.
- 04 Aug 2008 – CGC BERTHOLF commissioning
- Due to advances in technology, BERTHOLF is an optimally manned crew of only 123. We observe trop hours when in port. Generally we work from 0645-1300 Monday – Friday. Our daily uniform is Operational Dress Uniform (ODU).
- BERTHOLF is outfitted with staterooms that provide a comfortable atmosphere to include flat screen TV's, personal workstations, and individual heads. The largest stateroom onboard BERTHOLF is a 6 person stateroom for a majority of the junior crew, but there are 4 person general crew berthing staterooms as well. Staterooms for CPO's and Officers have 2 racks each, with singles for CO, XO, OPS, & EO. This will allow more flexibility in the assignment process and it will also allow for equitable assignment of berthing commensurate with your rank. We enjoy a world class gym with aerobic and weight lifting equipment. There is one galley with 3 separate mess areas, Crew, CPO, and Officer. There is also a lounge for the Crew, a separate E-6 lounge and additional sea-bag lockers. The CPO and Officer lounge and mess are combined. Each berthing area has its own head, including all 2 person berthing.
- There are two stern launched boats and one davit launched boat (starboard side amidships). There is an access on the starboard side of the hull to retrieve persons in the water and facilitate rescue swimmer deployment and recovery. Also, the LE locker is located aft, in proximity to the stern launched small boat. The dry stores, reefer, and galley are all on the same deck next to each other - no more up and down the ladders with frozen food etc. There are many great capabilities in this ship that you'll soon become familiar with.
- This ship has proven its enormous capabilities throughout the Pacific Region. The first Coast Guard platform to successfully demonstrate a dual helo deployment, BERTHOLF frustrated the flow of drugs in a manner that is causing the drug traffickers to change their tactics when we are in theatre. In the Arctic Ocean, BERTHOLF has proven the ship's ability to sustain in a remote area longer than any other asset and successfully patrol both Chukchi and Beaufort seas in a 30 day period. As the central Coast Guard asset for Maritime Defense, BERTHOLF has achieved amazing results in its annual training inspections called Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA) and during RIMPAC 2012, successfully commanded its very own Surface Action Group (SAG) that included two U.S. Navy ships and three Russian Navy Ships. Demonstrating exceptional Search and Rescue capabilities, BERTHOLF responded to a distressed sailing vessel 400 nm off the coast of California. Allowing an MH-60 from San Diego to land on our flight deck and fuel in the middle of the ocean, we extended the range of the aircraft, which enabled BERTHOLF and the MH-60 to rescue two injured sailors from the sailboat and transport them safely back to port.

THE COMMAND SENIOR CHIEF

**Senior Chief Gunners Mate
Todd Milyard**

MEET THE XO

LCDR Jeffrey Zamarin

MEET THE CO

Captain Laura D. Collins

Captain Laura D. Collins, USCG

Captain Collins begins her sixth sea-going assignment as Commanding Officer of BERTHOLF. After graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT in May 1994, she has served on five cutters previously: as Deck Watch Officer and Operations Officer in Coast Guard Cutter MARIPOSA in Seattle, WA; as Supply and Operations Officer in Coast Guard Barque EAGLE in New London, CT; as Executive Officer on Coast Guard Cutter SPAR in Kodiak, AK; as Executive Officer on Coast Guard Cutter SHERMAN in Alameda, CA.; and as Executive Officer on Coast Guard Cutter STRATTON in Alameda, CA. Her shore tours include serving as Staff Engineer at the Marine Safety Center, as Work Life Supervisor at Integrated Support Command Kodiak, military aide to the Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, as strategic analyst in the Enterprise Strategic Management Directorate, USCG Headquarters and on the Commandant's Advisory Group.

Captain Collins holds a bachelor of science in Electrical Engineering from the United States Coast Guard Academy and a Masters of Science in Chemical Engineering from the Johns Hopkins University. Most recently, Captain Collins spent a year as a military fellow at the RAND Corporation.

Captain Collins is married to CDR Brian C. Glander, USCG (currently of CG-711). They have a son, Karl Patrick.



HOUSING



The BERTHOLF Housing Representative is HSC Dean Patterson (510) 437-3454. Please keep HSC Patterson up-to-date on your housing situation.

There have been some changes in housing policies and BAH rates in the Alameda area. For the most recent information regarding housing policy changes, please contact YN1 Harris onboard the cutter or the Alameda Housing Office.

Housing is mandatory for all members with dependants. All single E-4 and below are subject to mandatory housing with a strict no pet policy. If you wish to reside in the private sector you must also submit a Request for Release from Government Housing, Form NORCALHSG-045. The Alameda Housing Office will provide a written release signed by the Alameda Local Housing Officer to those who are authorized. Failure to obtain this release prior to acquiring private sector housing will not be a reason for the Housing Officer to approve any request after the fact.

To apply for Housing, please e-mail or fax the following to the Alameda Housing Office: CG-5267 Housing Application, CG-4170A Dependency Status, and a copy of your orders. Forms are available on the intranet and internet sites listed below. The fax number is (510) 748-0652.

<http://www.uscg.mil/baseAlameda/PSD/Housing/default.asp>

If you are released from government housing and choose to live on the economy, the below information may be helpful. Living on the economy in the Bay Area can be very expensive. Below are some links to assist in finding apartments and other rentals within the area.

www.apartments.com

www.rent.com



For more detailed information on all three of the Housing sites, please contact the ISC Alameda Local Housing Office at (510) 769-0831.

- The Transition Relocation Specialist is located in Bldg 16 and provides a wide range of services and information on local CG units, child care, education and dental care, recreational opportunities, spouse employment, BAH and more.
- **Contact the Housing Officer**
Contact the Housing Officer that maintains responsibility for your new unit. The Housing Office will explain what housing options are available to you, as well as guide you in your housing selection.
- The BSU Alameda Housing Office handles administrative functions related to owned or leased housing for the San Francisco Bay area. BSU Alameda manages 866 units at three sites: Alameda, Concord and Novato. Novato now has Temporary Guest Housing. TRACEN Petaluma is responsible for permanent and student housing at TRACEN Petaluma.
- **Contact Information:**
- Ms. CJ Johnson
Transition Relocation Specialist
(510) 437-5920
CJ.Johnson@uscg.mil

2016 BAH Rates

Single Members

E-1/E-4:	\$2,352.00
E-5:	\$2,769.00
E-6:	\$3,012.00
E-7:	\$3,141.00
E-8:	\$3,285.00
E-9:	\$3,294.00

Enlisted



Members with Dependents

E-1/ E-4:	\$3,135.00
E-5:	\$3,273.00
E-6:	\$3,315.00
E-7:	\$3,324.00
E-8:	\$3,336.00
E-9:	\$3,423.00

2016 BAH Rates

Single Members

O-1:	\$2,994.00
O-2:	\$3,228.00
O-3:	\$3,300.00
O-4:	\$3,321.00
O-5:	\$3,330.00
O-6:	\$3,342.00
W-2:	\$3,282.00
W-3:	\$3,297.00
W-4:	\$3,312.00
O-1E:	\$3,327.00
O-2E:	\$3,291.00
O-3E:	\$3,309.00

Officer



Members with Dependents

O-1:	\$3,279.00
O-2:	\$3,312.00
O-3:	\$3,348.00
O-4:	\$3,627.00
O-5:	\$3,831.00
O-6:	\$3,867.00
W-2:	\$3,330.00
W-3:	\$3,351.00
W-4:	\$3,453.00
O-1E:	\$3,129.00
O-2E:	\$3,345.00
O-3E:	\$3,474.00



HEALTHCARE



Medical Clinic

Hours of Operation.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday; 0630 to 1500. Front Desk: (510) 437-3581.

Thursday 0630 - 1130. Closed Thursday afternoon.

After Hours and Weekends: 24-hrs Duty HS onboard. Phone: (510) 453-2729.

Check – Ins/Outs.

Newly reported personnel need to check-in with our front desk to update their personal data in CHCS. They also need to check-in with the Triwest Service Center to update enrollment information for themselves and their dependents.

United Health Care Military and Veterans:

Customer Service

1-877-0988-9378

www.uhcmilitarywest.com

Helpful Links:

Tricare –

[TriCare](http://www.tricare.mil)

Medical –

<http://www.uscg.mil/baseAlameda/health-svcs/medical.asp>

Worklife –

<http://www.uscg.mil/baseAlameda/WLS/WLShome.asp>

Members reporting while underway need to hand carry their health record.

The following medical items should be completed prior to PCS transfer:

1. Complete sea duty physical, request completion date when physical is approved.
2. Type 2 dental exam within the past six months with defects corrected prior to transfer.
3. Up to date shot record with the following immunizations:
 1. Yellow Fever
 2. Hepatitis A Series
 3. Typhoid
 4. Oral Polio
 5. Tetanus
 6. Diphtheria
 7. Influenza
 8. PPD screen within the last year

CHILDCARE

Child Development Center

Address: Coast Guard Island

Building: 2

Phone: (510)437-2743

URL: <http://www.uscg.mil/baseAlameda/PSD/CDC.asp>



PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

Through the process of maintaining NAEYC accreditation, the Alameda CDC has created a stronger and more committed team of teachers and administrators who work together to continually improve program quality. We would like parents to be included on our team, and your partnership is encouraged.

The CDC offers five full-time programs for children aged six weeks through 5 years of age.

They are as follows:

Infant Program: The Infant Program accommodates a maximum of 8 infants ranging in age from six weeks to approximately fifteen months.

Pre-Toddler Program: The Pre-Toddler Program accommodates a maximum of 12 children ranging in age from roughly 12 months to 28 months.

Toddlers One Program: The Toddlers One Program accommodates a maximum of 12 children ranging in age from roughly 24 months to 3 years.

Toddler Twos Program: The Toddler Twos Program accommodates a maximum of 12 children ranging in age from roughly 2.5 years to 3.5 years or when ready for preschool.

Preschool Program: The Preschool Program accommodates a maximum of 20 children ranging in age from 3 years (if developmentally ready for preschool) through 5 years. Once a child reaches six years of age, he/she is no longer eligible for enrollment at the CDC.

Part-Time and Hourly Drop-In Care: Part-time and hourly drop-in care is provided on a case-by-case basis, when space allows. To qualify, children must be registered at the CDC and have current immunizations. Reservations must be made in advance with the CDC and are granted on a first come, first served basis, in accordance with eligibility priorities listed on the following page. Fee schedules are available at the CDC.

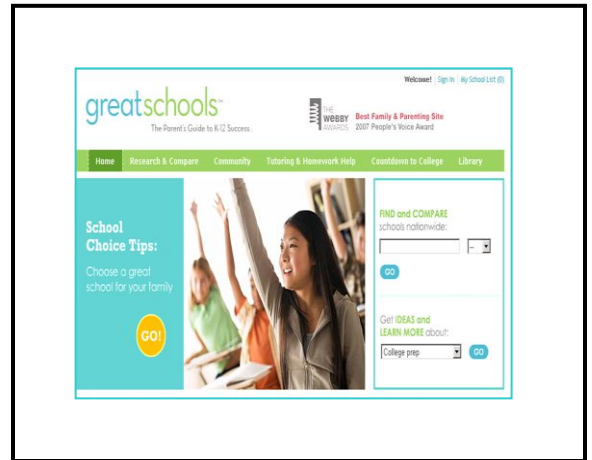
SCHOOL INFORMATION

The Bay Area has a broad spectrum of educational institutions (public, private, parochial) and opportunities available as well as programs to address special needs and interests.



Two of the better online school information resources – GreatSchools.com and

SchoolMatters.com - can provide a great deal of basic “know before you go” information to those on their way to the Alameda area. Both websites are utilized by the DoD-sponsored Military HOMEFRONT.



DMV Centers

General Information (800) 777-0133

Take note of the California Car-seat Law: Applies to children under 6 yrs / 60 lbs. Must be secured in a back seat.

- **Cell Phone/Texting Laws.** The Wireless Communications Device Law makes it an infraction to write, send, or read text-based communication on an electronic wireless communications device, such as a cell phone, while driving a motor vehicle.

AREA FAMILIARIZATION

Coasties and their families are encouraged to explore the Bay Area from wine country to the north, to Silicon Valley to the south, to the Pacific Ocean seashore and beaches - and everywhere in between. Northern California is blessed with great weather, a culturally rich population, and wide variety of activities to participate in, and places to go virtually all-year round. If someone ends up being “*bored*” in the Bay Area, ... it’s certainly not for a lack of things to do.



Common Tasks

- **Welcome aboard Message** – by now you should have received your welcome aboard message; discuss any concerns they may have with your chain of command and sponsor. See ADMIN for message related questions.
- **Utilities** – Advise that most require service connection deposits in advance; Pacific Gas & Electric, Water, Telephone, Cable, etc.
- **Change of Address** - Can be taken care of online at www.usps.com or by submitting the form included in the Change-of-Address kit available at post office.



Drive Safe!



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Use TRIPS!

FROM: OAKLAND AIRPORT

TO: COAST GUARD ISLAND

Step	Directions	Miles
1	Start out going North on Airport Exit towards Passenger Terminal Acc.	0.1
2	Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto AIRPORT DR.	1.3
3	Turn RIGHT onto HEGENBERGER RD.	0.8
4	Take the I-880 NORTH ramp.	0.2
5	Merge onto I-880 N.	3.0
6	Take the 29 TH AVENUE exit towards FRUITVALE AVE.	0.1
7	Merge onto 29 TH AVE.	0.1
8	Turn LEFT onto E 10 TH ST.	0.0
9	Turn LEFT onto 29 TH AVE.	0.3
10	Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto FORD ST.	0.0
11	FORD ST becomes KENNEDY ST.	0.5
12	Turn LEFT onto DENNISON ST.	0.2
13	Continue over the bridge to COAST GUARD ISLAND.	0.1

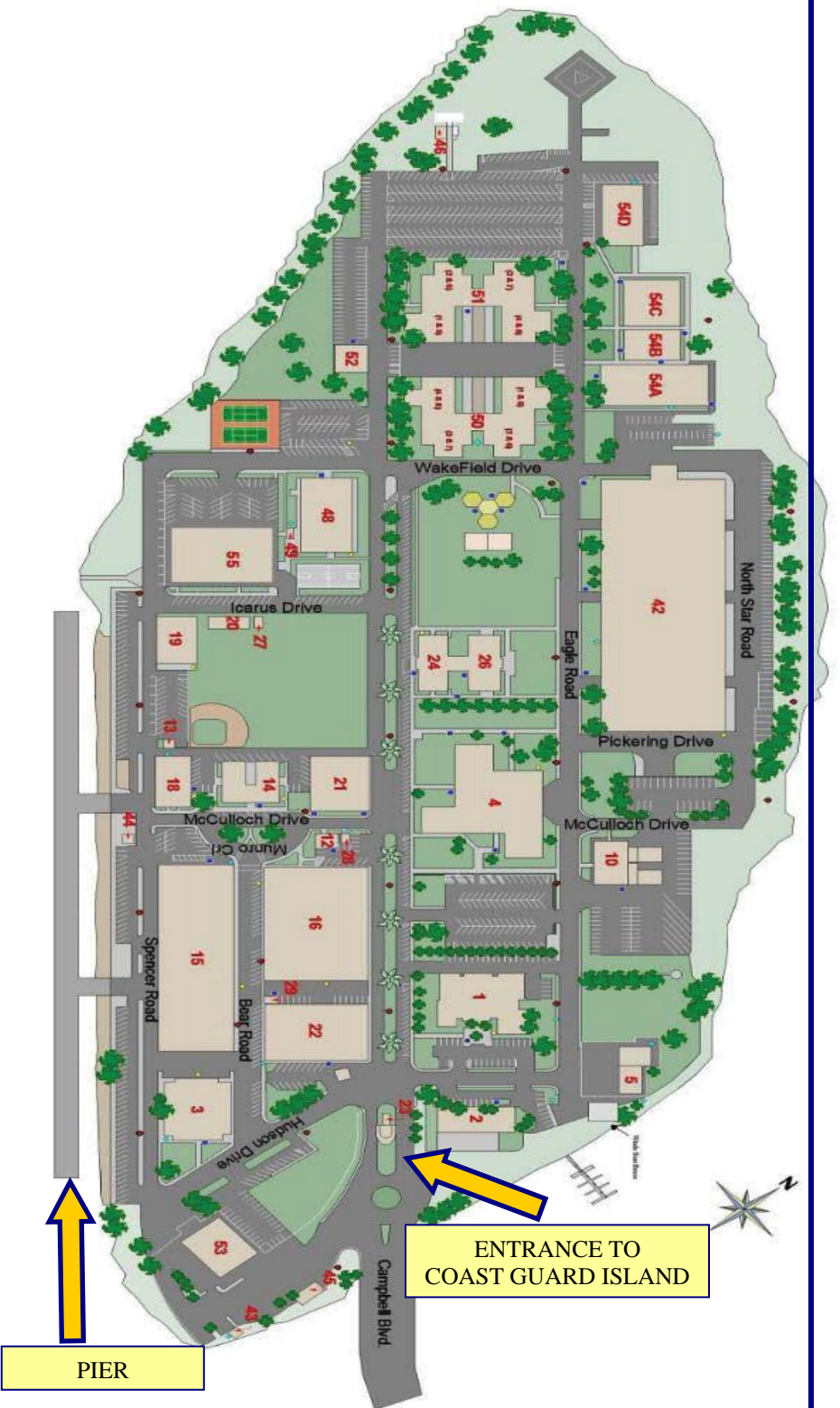


<https://crcapps2.crc.army.mil/TRIPS/CG/LOGIN.ASP>

FROM: SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

TO: COAST GUARD ISLAND

Step	Directions	Miles
1	Start out going West on DEPARTING FLIGHTS ACC towards AIRPORT EXIT.	0.5
2	Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto AIRPORT EXIT.	0.3
3	Take the US-101 NORTH/I-380 WEST ramp towards I-280/SAN FRANCISCO/SAN BRUNO.	0.1
4	Keep LEFT at the fork in the ramp.	0.2
5	Merge onto US-101 N.	11.0
6	Take the I-80 exit towards BAY BRIDGE/OAKLAND.	7.4
7	Take the I-580 EAST exit towards HAYWARD/STOCKTON/DOWNTOWN OAKLAND/CA-24/ALAMEDA.	0.8
8	Merge onto I-580 E.	1.2
9	Take the I-980 west EXIT TOWARDS downtown OAKLAND/(I-880 S).	0.5
10	Merge onto I-980 W.	1.0
11	Take the I-880 SOUTH exit on left.	0.5
12	Turn SLIGHT LEFT at the intersection of I-880 to stay on I-880 SOUTH RAMP.	0.0
13	Merge onto I-880 S.	1.7
14	Take the EMBARCADERO exit towards 16 TH AVE.	0.1
15	Turn LEFT onto EMBARCADERO E.	0.1
16	Turn RIGHT onto DENNISON ST.	0.2
17	Continue over bridge to COAST GUARD ISLAND.	0.1



(1) Medical/Dental & Work Life	(2) Child Development Center (CDC)	(3) Security, Transportation (PPSO), Education Center & Org Consultants
(4) Galley, Gresham Hall, Pt Welcome, VADM Harvey Johnson Classroom	(5) Boathouse	(10) MSST
(12) Belongs to Base Alameda C4IT	(14) Sector San Francisco	(15) Base Alameda FE, NED & ESD
(16) Gym, MWR Admin, CSA	(18) Banners Club, Pacific Fisheries Training, CGIS	(19) Auto Hobby Shop, ESD Alameda
(21) Base Front Office, C4IT, SPO, Admin, Housing	(22) CGX, Barber Shop, Subway, Post Office, Gas Station, Coffee Cart & MWR Equipment Rental Office	(23) Main Gate
(24 & 26) Barracks	(42) Motor Pool, Warehouse, Mailroom, P&C, Comptroller, MSST, AIB Store, Public Affairs & Recruiting Office (Recruiting vacant as of Aug 2013)	(45) Chiefs Hut
(48) Pool	(50 & 51) PACAREA, MIFCPAC, D11	(52) D11 Front Office
(53) Sea West Federal Credit Union	(54A) Legal	(54B) Civil Rights, DOL-43
(54C) PACAREA	(54D)	(55) WMISL Support